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Later references.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos.

Part B for Aug 26

SUBJECT

Irregularities in the payment of made for the Nelamangala - Sonnekohra road by the District Bd. Bangalore

42 To. The President, Dist. Bd. Bangalore
No. L 1288-90/L 28.8.26
Records the Correspondence of the President, Dist. Bd. in the matter with certain observations

VS 23.9.26

G. R. S. III—3]

ROUTINE NOTES.

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Letter No C.C. 429/25 dy the 4th Nov. 25 from the Dy Comr Bangalore &c

Hentes Asst to Mr P. Hanuma Rao Vice-President, Bangalore District Board gave him a representation on 21/25 bringing to notice that there were some irregularities in the payments made for the Kalamangala-Sondekoppa road, that on this the President of District Board has been asked to see the connected records and the measurement book with his remarks and on perusal of the records, a further report will be made to Govt.

3553/L

Petition dy 19.11.25 from Mr A. Abdul Sattar and Channamanja Contractors of 1st and 2nd Sections of Sondekoppa Road represented that they undertook to do this Contract at a total estimated cost of Rs 6,533 that they have done work to the amount of Rs 6000/ by borrowing the money from local sowcars at 1½ % interest & they were completing the work

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ROUTINE NOTES.

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Ref letter No. C.C. 419/248 13.3.26 from the Dy Comr, Bangalore Dt.

Submits a copy of further representation received from Mr. B. Ramachandra Rao, Vice-President, Bangalore District Board in the matter and also a copy of his inspection notes sent to the President, District Board in the matter.

The Vice-President of the District Board complains that the Contractor's bills for the repair of the Yelahanka-Sondekoppa road are being continued to be checked and paid at variance to the extent of Rs 1000/- and odd without his knowledge.

The Deputy Commissioner, after personal inspection of the road in question in January 1926, has reported that the surface of the road is now fairly though consolidation has not been properly done in some places and that the Contractor's of the road are

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owing to the work already done with
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ist a reasonable one. Enquiries
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If approved, a further and final
report [illegible] by the Dy Comr in his
[illegible] of the 14th Nov. 1925 [illegible]
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[illegible] misunderstanding
between the Resident & Revenue
The full report promised may
perhaps be awaited

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Smt
Mr
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Request to submit early
the fiscal report
re the Malamagala-
Bomdeli Mala Rd

R 128) Letter No. 7732-A.D.B. 9.4.26
from the Commissioner in Kegalle.

Brings to notice the several
irregularities observed in the course
of the scrutiny of the record pre-
sent in connection with the work
of improving the road from Mala-
magala to Sondeli Oya and states
that the amount of the estimate
sanctioned for the work is about
Rs 7,000/- and that in view of the
several irregularities brought to
notice, it seems desirable that
the Executive Engr, Badulla Divn
may be asked to personally
check and measure the work as

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There could be no hard and
merits to blame ...

The Comptroller states that he
cannot reconcile with the original copy
of the Engagement entries in the
Partnership papers & he has asked for
them and these are necessary before
whitening & corrections which
were originally made in pencil (for
office convenience).

The irregularities noticed have
been referred to para 9 of the Comptroller's
letter under reply.

D/- approved the explanation of
the Resident, District Board for the
irregularities & copy will be called for
the final report in the matter pro- S
vided [illegible] is still due.

24/4/26 2. The searching by the Sub Engr
suggested by the Comptr
may perhaps be helpful

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(for which purpose the Assistant
asked to explain before

30.4.26

Last Day)

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Routine Notes

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In view of the several irregularities noticed
some of them are serious — the
Ex. Engr of Bangalore Dn. may
be requested to personally check
& measure the work done now & make a
report whether the measurements
are in order — as recommended
by the Comptroller

2nd Member.

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Serial No.	
129	To. The Chief Engineer. No. L 6973/d 15.5.26. Requests to depute the Executive Engineer of Bangalore division, to check and measure the work so far done in connection with the improvement of Nelamangala-Sondekoppa Road and to submit a special report in the matter.

Dr. A. 27.5.26.

Petition of 1.7.26 from Messrs H. Abdul Sattar and Channanjappa, contractors of the Sondekoppa Road, Nelamangala Taluk.

Pray that the balance of the contract amount for having executed the work of improving the Nelamangala-Sondekoppa road may be ordered to be paid to them very early.

Put Member's orders on this for the L.C. Secl. References. (Sd) Ke

With a view to settle the claims of the present petitioners, Govt have asked the Chief Engr. to depute the Executive Engr, Bangalore Division to check and measure the work so far done in connection with the work in question and to submit a special report in the matter (Vide the Office letter No. L 6973/ L.B. 60-25-129 & 5.7.26).

Dr. Thompson

If the Chief Engr's report is still awaited A reminder to the Chief Engr. as directed by the first Member in another petition received to-day is submitted for appl.

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If the above proposal is approved

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37	Letter No. 1043 G. 26-9-26 from the Chief Engr Forwards for information a copy of the Bangalore Division Executive Engr's letter No. 41 G. dtd 18th July 1926 together with the connected records, submitting his report on the details of his personal inspection of the work. 2. The Executive Engr on personal inspection, is of opinion that some items of work not provided for in the estimate costing Rs 1003/- have been executed, and that, on the whole, the work has been carried out fairly well, but it is not possible now to give any opinion whether the measurements have been recorded accurately or otherwise, and that as far as he can follow the measurements, he finds nothing wrong. 3. The Executive Engr states that in the execution of the present work, there is a deviation from the sanctioned estimates to the extent of Rs ~~1003~~ 1,003/- 4. In this connection it is submitted that as regards Road works, Rule 2 (9) of the Manual lays down that, when in the execution of works, deviations from the sanctioned estimates are found necessary, the sanction of the proper authority i.e. the authority who sanctioned the estimate, should be obtained unless the

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	the duration of is of a recurring character.
	32. It is the Govt who sanctioned the original estimate for the present works for Rs 6,533/-. By applying the above rule to District Fund works also, the present variation amounting to a large sum of Rs 1003/- seems to require sanction of Govt.
	Submitted for orders with ref to paras 22 & 23 supra.
	30/7/26

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Serial No.	
	Nelamangala-Sondekoppa Road.
	34 The Vice President of the Bangalore District Board complained to the Deputy Commissioner in October 1925 that there were some pencil entries and corrections in the measurement work connected with Nelamangala-Sondekoppa road work contrary to the standing orders requiring corrections to be made in red ink, that although the Assistant Comptroller had remarked that no payment should be made till the bill is checked or authorised by the Comptroller, the President got a certificate of the Taluk Board President for making payment to the contractors who were thereafter paid Rs. 600/ and 700 advance and has also challenged the authority of the Assistant Comptroller to send for the books or defer payment. The Vice President wante necessary action to be taken in the matter.
	35 The Deputy Commissioner promised to and a report after getting the records, the contracto also pressed for payment. The Deputy Commissione inspected the road later on in January 1926 and wa of opinion that the surface of the road was fair, that there were some depression near Jaksandra which showed that enough material had not been use that the estimate had not provided for a culvert constructed at 4th mile and the cost of Rs. 375/- therefor could be met from savings; that the contractor may be paid after deduction for bad worl and his was no use of keeping back the money.
	36 The Comptroller in his letter of 9th April '26 after pointing out the erasing etc., in the measure ment work, states that notwithstanding the Assist- ant

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Assistant Comptroller's instructions not to pay, the President on his own authority paid on 28th September 1925 an advance of Rs.1,300 to the contractors and again Rs.200/- on 20th November 1925; that on the representation of the President on 21st November 1925 he allowed ~~to make~~ payment up to 50% of claims preferred on the bills pending their final passing by his office but in the bills sent for sanction all but 10 % of the amount to be held in reserve had been paid and ~~so made~~ also further payments. ~~also~~ made.

~~That the President has disregarded the Comptroller's order in the course of carrying out and has committed irregularities.~~ 37) In view of the several irregularities and the amount of the estimate (Rs.7,000), he considered it desirable to require the Executive Engineer to check measure the work so far done and see how far the measurements are in order.

38 The Executive Engineer on personal inspection considers that the work has been carried out on the whole fairly well; it is not possible now to give any opinion as to whether the measurements have been recorded accurately and that as far as he can follow the measurements he finds nothing wrong in them, though some items of work amounting to Rs.1,003/- not provided for in the estimate has been carried out.

39 This has to be regularised for which required estimate will have to be got prepared by the Board and sanction of Government obtained. The Deputy ~~Asst.~~ Comptroller was of opinion that there was

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	was no use of keeping back payment of the contract dues and wanted the connected papers for the submission of a final report. As the Executive Engineer has not given any adverse opinion, it is for consideration whether any report need be called for from the Deputy Commissioner and if this is considered unnecessary whether the Comptroller need again be consulted on the opinion now furnished by the Executive Engineer as regards the passing of the bills in view of the objections raised by
	40 The Contractors have urged for payment.
	L.R. Reey 28 2/8/26
	41 As D.C has stated that the payments may be made to the contractor after making some deductions for bad work (C/E) As the Ex. Engr reports that the work has been carried out fairly, no final report from D.C need be called for. The President may be asked to dispose of the claim of the Contractor after some deduction for bad work as stated by D.C in petition.
	Yes & also to explain to D.C why Sanction of D.C was not obtained before the work was executed.
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42 E.O. No. L/288-89-20.8.26 to the Pvt. Secy to H.E. Board the Correspondence with the observation

GENERAL & REVENUE SECRETARIAT
28 SEP. 1926
LEGAL SELF GOVT. BRANCH

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Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

No. C.C. 429 Encl-2 Dated Bangalore, 14th November 1925.

GENERAL & REVENUE SECRETARIAT
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18 NOV 1925

From

B. Venkoba Rao, Esq., B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District.

To

B. Nagappa, Esq.,
Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, Local and Legislative Depts

Sir,

I have the honour to state that Mr. B. Oosman Khan, Vice President, Bangalore District Board, gave me a representation (copy is herein enclosed) on 21st October 1925 bringing to notice that there were some irregularities in the payments made for the Nelamangala-Sondekoppa road. On this representation, I requested the President, Bangalore District Board to forward to me the connected records and measurement book with his remarks. In the meanwhile the Comptroller has also addressed to me a communication on the same subject (copy enclosed). I have informed the Comptroller that I have called for a report from the President, District Board.

2. On receipt of the records from the President, District Board, I shall submit a further report to Government.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Dt.

To

B.Venkoba Rao, Esq.,B.A.,

Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District

Sir,

I beg to bring to your kind notice that two bills amounting to Rs.1005/- and Rs.930/- respectively were received for scrutiny and payment from the President, Taluk Board, Nelamangala. The work related to the formation of road near Sondekoppa the contract for which was given to two Contractors Abdul Sattar and Chennanjappa. In the course of perusing the vappers, I noticed these bills bearing No.47 and found that in the connected measurement book there were too many pencil entries and corrections vide pages 40 to 46 of the Measurement book. I accordingly put up a note on 10-9-25 pointing out these defects and suggesting that the Executive Engineer had better be requested to inspect the works, check the bills and advise this office as to whether payment could be made. To my note, the office added another saying that Assistant Comptroller Mr. G. Natesa Iyer, who happened at that time to be auditing the office had examined the Measurement book and made a note on page 75 that "No payment should be made for this till the bill is checked or authorised by Comptroller. The bill, measurement book and all other documents connected therewith may kindly be sent to Comptroller." This was on 23rd September 1925.

It will be seen that in the interval between the 10th September and 23rd September that is for nearly a fortnight, the President took no action whatsoever on my note. The day following that on which the Assistant Comptroller made the above remarks the President seems to have proceeded to Nelamangala to inspect the works. In his notes on 24-9-1925 it is stated as follows "I inspected some of the measurements, the major portion of work has been completed.....the President, Taluk Board is requested to give his opinion in this respect." On this the President, Taluk Board, noted the same day underneath the President's note as follows " I am strongly in favour of making payment to the Contractors on the bills now furnished

On the strength of this correspondence the District Board President passed final orders on 25-9-25 authorising payment of Rs.700 to one Contractor and Rs.600 to the other as advance with the observation that it is not understood "under what provision of the account code or any other Regulation the Assistant Comptroller can esk the District Board Office to send the bill to the Comptroller and not make any payment."

I beg to bring to notice that the standing orders as well as the codal rules are clear to the effect that no erasers nor pencil entries nor corrections likely to create suspicion should be countenanced in a measurement book. If any correction has to be made it can be done only in red ink and under proper attestation. No such procedure was adopted in the present case. It will also be kindly seen that although I clearly pointed out this defects no action was taken to get them re-edied by a reference to the Taluk Office. On the contrary the President, District Board has taken the trouble to proceed to the spot and arrange for opinion being recorded on the file jointly by himself and the President of the Taluk Board, dispensing with the usual formalities of forwarding the Memorandum under an official number and date and has finally passed an order for the payment of large sums as advance. I fail to see the urgency for such hurried conduct of business particularly in the face of the Assistant Comptroller's caution that no payment should be made until authorised by the Comptroller.

I beg to bring this fact to your kind notice in the interest of the efficiency of work in the District Board Office and request such kind action as may be deemed necessary may be taken.

I am constrained to submit this direct to you in the apprehension that as in some previous instances my memorandum may not reach you at all if transmitted through the President of the District Board.

I beg to remain,
etc.
Sd.B.Usman Khan.
Vice President, Dist. Board, Bangalore Dt.

Bangalore.
Dated 21st Oct.1925.

Copy

Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore D-

Letter No.266/L.A.D. dated 28th Oct.1925 from the Comptroller to Government. to the Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District.

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Adverting to Memo date 21st Oct.1925 from the Vice President, Bangalore District Board, forwarding for my information copy of D.O. of the same date addressed to you in respect of advances of Rs.70 and Rs.600 made to contractors for the formation of roads in Sondekoppa village in Nelamangala Taluk by the President, District Board, I have the honour to request you will be good enough as to inform whether you intend taking any action in the matter and if so, to intimate the result of the action taken in the matter.

Copy

B Sundara Rao

Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Dist.

GENERAL & REVENUE DEPARTMENT
35532
24 NOV 1925
LEGAL SECTION

K. CHANDY, ESQ., B.A.,

2nd Member of Council to the

Mysore Government, Bangalore.

Most Honoured Sir,

We the undersigned H. Abdul Sattar and Chennananjappa, Contractors of 1st Section and 2 nd Section, Sondekoppa Road, Nelamangala Taluk, most respectfully beg permission to place the following for favourable consideration

We undertook to do this contract about 7 months back and we are now completing the entire work and we firmly believe that it may be completed within about a fortnight's time. The corresponding estimates were sanctioned about 7 or 8 years' ago and the President, District Board and the Taluk Amildar have expressly instructed us to do some more items of work which are not included in the sanctioned estimate. The total of these estimates is Rs.6,533/-. Hitherto we have done work to the extent of Rs.6,000 and even more. The total amount that we are in receipt up to date is as follows :-

For 1st Section of 3 miles	Rs.268	on bill payment.
	Rs.700	as advance on work.
" 2nd Section of 2½ "	Rs.474	on bill payment and odd
	Rs.600	as advance on work.
Total	2,042.	

We beg to submit that this amount was paid to us about two months ago and of late no payments have been made to us. We are surprised to see that we are not paid the full amount of the bills in spite of the Sanitary Inspector's taking down measurements and Tq. Vice President and Tq. President and -

[illegible] bills, [illegible] the President, District Board, [illegible] the full amount of the bills and [illegible] amounts as aforesaid [illegible].

We have [illegible] bills which [illegible] to the extent of Rs.1,000/- roughly and [illegible] Rs.8/- per cent [illegible]. These [illegible] of proceeding [illegible] to the [illegible] inspection of the Road Works on the 15th of [illegible] we have expressed the aforesaid facts clearly. On hearing our heartfelt grievances, he was pleased to promise us to make necessary arrangements with the President, District Board for the payment of the amount for the work done by us till now. Unless speedy arrangements are made for the payment of the amount, we are not in a position to proceed any further. Upon our personal requests to the President, District Board, we are only given to understand that the bills have been sent to the Comptroller and others and payments will be made shortly, etc., but actually no payments have been made with the exception of giving the said reply whenever we go to him.

We finally beg to submit that in case the District Board have to delay payment, we are not responsible for the delay of the work and to the irregularities that may be done in that busy road where hundreds of carts run both day and night. Further the District Board will have to be held responsible for the enormous interest on our loan amounts and other consequent damages that we may incur in this connection. Hence, we most fervently request your honour to issue necessary instructions to the President, District Board for arranging speedy payments for the actual work done

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done hitherto by us in this Road. By doing so, we not only complete the work early, but also we will be saved from the ravages of these local Sowcars, from payment exhorbitant rate of interest.

For this act of kindness and charity and justice, we shall ever feel grateful and pray for your honour's long life and continued prosperity.

We beg to remain,
Most Honoured Sir,
Your most obedient servants
H. Abdul Sattar
[redacted]

Bangalore,
19th November 1925.

Confidential.

In all future correspondence please quote No. C.C.429 Cards 2

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
BANGALORE DISTRICT.

Dated Bangalore, the 13th March 1926.

FROM

B. VENKOBA RAO, ESQ., B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner.,
Bangalore District.

GENERAL & REVENUE SECTT. 5362
17 MAR 1926
LOCAL SELF GOVT. BRANCH

To

B. Nagappa, Esqr., Bar-at-law.,
Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Local and Legislative Departments,
B a n g a l o r e.

SIR,

In continuation of this office letter ~~No.C.C.429/24~~ dated the 14th November 1925 re: the Nelamangala - Sondekoppa Road, I have the honour to submit herewith copy of further representation received fr Mr. B. Usman Khan, Vice President, Bangalore District Board in the matter and also copy of my inspection notes sent to the President, District Board with this office letter No.C.C. 429/24 dated the 18th February 1926.

I have the honour to be

Sir.

Your most obedient servant,

B Venkoba Rao

Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District.

To

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B. Venkoba Rao, Esqr., B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District,
Bangalore.

Sir,

I beg to state that a reference about Sondekoppa road work was made to you on 21st October 1925 and a copy of which is herewith sent for kind reference.

Subsequently I came to know that the office has further advanced Rs.200/- to each Contractor in the month of November 1925 on the face of your instruction to send all the records with bills to your office for audit.

In January 1926 I directed the Head Clerk of this office to submit all the references about this work by means of a memo but the Head Clerk submitted that the President directed him to say that the bills are being checked. Afterwards I sent a memo to the President requesting him to direct the office to submit the references wanted by me but the Head Clerk submitted that the President said that the bills are being checked. But no records were sent to me.

I learnt from the office that the bills were checked and passed last month and cheque issued for about Rs.1000 and odd to the Contractors.

First time when the bills with measurement book were sent by the President, Nelamangala Taluk Board for being passed, I observed certain irregularity in the measurement book and put up a note on 10th September 1925 to the President and the office also, I learn, submitted a memo to the President. I saw that the President's order on a reference in connection with the work on 13th November 1925 and the same has been altered to 13th September 1925.

On that reference, I requested the President as to how and why the date has been altered and to send all the records with the bills to the Comptroller as per his instructions. Inspite of repeated requests from me to show the records and on the face of the Comptroller's instructions to send the bills with complete records to his office for audit the bills have been passed and payment made on the responsibility of the President, though Government in their Order No.R.11660-74/L.B.56-19-74 dated 16th April 1920 state that the Vice President is responsible for estimates and bills in finance of the District Board.

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How many times the President visited this road for inspection and how one of the Contractors is related to him seem to require consideration and why no suggestions as mentioned in my note were not taken into consideration and chiefly why no Comptroller's instructions were not attended to and why the date of 13th November 1925 changed into 13th September 1925. On many occasions I brought to the kind notice of the Government that no such bills and estimates, Office T.A., Establishments bills, received in this office and other reference were not being shown to me but they are being passed and payment made in contrary to the said G.O.

I therefore bring this to your kind notice for such action as you deem fit.

I have &c.
Sd. B. Usman Khan,
Vice President, District Board,
Bangalore District.

Bangalore,
10th March. 1926.

" Copy "

B Venkoba Rao

M/s & Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore district.

Extract from the Tour Notes of the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, for the month of January 1926.

Passing through Hennigere and Lakkenahalli reached Sondekoppa. A big culvert on the channel near Sondekoppa appears very necessary. The surface of the Nelamangala-Sondekoppa road is now fair, though consolidation has not been properly done in some places. The No.on the furlong stones cannot be easily read. The painting should be improved. The boulders on the road should be removed. The road surface near Jacksandra showed depression here and there and there are pits also, which shows that enough material has not been used to make the road surface. The Irish drains require more jelly and gravel near Mallarabanavadi. In the 8th furlong of the 4th mile, a culvert is said to have been put up costing Rs.375/- which has not been provided for in the estimate but has to be paid out of the savings. The contractor of the road may be paid making some deductions for bad work and a new estimate may be made for fresh work required. There is no use in keeping back the payment as the work already done will determine riroate by efflux of time. The road will have to be maintained annually. The President of the District Board will be written to.

Copy

Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District

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APP. F. VI. Gl.]

SUBJECT....

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Section L.S.G

Diary No. of letter replied to 5562 L

File No. 28-25

Seria No.

No. L6397

General and Revenue Secretariat

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To The Dy. Comr. Bangalore District

Sir,

Date of issue 9/4/26

Signed by H.K.S.

With ref. to your letter No. C.C.429/24 Dy. Cir. 13th March 1926 re the Belaumangala Sandal Office Land, I am directed to invite ref. to your letter No. C.C.429/24 Dy. Cir. 14th Nov. 1925 in the matter and to request you to be so good as to submit early (Very) final report therein promised.

I have &c

for C.L. Lewis

List of enclosures.....

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Examined by.....

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C. O. 42. Gl.

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER TO THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

No. 773 LAD 2/1 file. *Bangalore, Dated...* 9th April 1926.

GENL. & REV. SECTT. Br. 1 10 APR Te G. D. SECTION

CENTRAL REVENUE 12 APR

From

T. SATYARAJ CHETTY, Esq., B. A.,
Comptroller to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

To

B. Nagappa, Esq., Bar-at-law,
Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Local and Legislative Departments,
Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honor to invite kind reference to my letter No. LAD 238 dated 15th October 1925, forwarding a summary of the defects observed by the Assistant Comptroller, Local Audit Department in the course of the inspection locally of the accounts of the Bangalore District Board in September 1925. As stated in para 6 (b) therein, a measurement book received from the Nelamangala Taluq Board contained a series of corrections made in pencil by the Taluq Board President, in respect of which the Sanitary Inspector had made a note. The measurement book referred to is the one relating to the work "Improving Road from Nelamangala to Sondekoppa."

2. A cursory glance at the several pages of this measurement book particularly pages 38 to 46, will disclose that there are several over-writings and corrections which were originally made in pencil (these are since inked over).

3. In view of these alterations and also of the remarks of the Sanitary Inspector in pages 73 to 75 of the Measurement Book made evidently with the object of explaining the circumstances under which the Amildar-President altered some of the measurements entered by him particularly under "Earth-work-pits" which shows that the procedure adopted by the President was irregular, resulting in erroneous payments and further taking into consideration the large amount of the estimate viz., Rs.6,533-0-0, the Assistant Comptroller made a note in writing in page 75 of this measurement book under date 23rd September 1925 leaving

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instructions to the following effect:- "No payment should be made on the bill till the same is checked and authorised by Comptroller" The object was to subject these bills for some time to scrutiny in the audit office, before final payment, to see that the claims preferred are in order.

4. The work is divided into two sections and two bills (No.II) one relating to each section, were pending payment when the Assistant Comptroller remarked as above on 23rd September 1925. Though the two bills were not passed for payment, agreeably to the instructions of the Assistant Comptroller, the President, District Board, on his own authority paid on 28th September 1925 an advance of Rs.1,300/- to the two contractors.

5. Subsequently on 26th October 1925, the President, District Board, enquired whether all unpaid bills may be sent to this office for scrutiny. In reply he was informed on 30th October 1925 that only the bills relating to Sondekoppa Road work need be sent in view of the irregularities observed in the measurement books in respect of this work and that the scrutiny to be exercised was intended only to see that the claims preferred are in order.

6. No reply was received to this reference till 24th November 1925. On 20th November 1925, a second advance of Rs.200/- each was made to the contractors of the two sections. On the next day (21st November 1925) Mr. Abdur Rahiman, President, District Board, saw me in regard to this matter and I gave him clearly to understand that the bills should be sent to this office before payment as instructed by the Assistant Comptroller. But as he represented that payments had to be made urgently I permitted him to make payments up to 50% of the claims ~~and said that~~ preferred on the bills after they are duly checked in ~~this~~ his office, and said that I would see that the bills when sent to this office ~~will be~~ are scrutinised and returned to him early. On 24th November 1925, he sent the two pending bills (Bill No.II) and asked me to arrange for ~~the~~ very early payment alleging that

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further work was stopped for want of payments. It is since seen that the amount payable on the two bills was Rs.1,865-0-0 and on this Rs.1,700-0-0 was advanced, leaving a balance of Rs.186/- which was just one-tenth of the amount of the bills to be held in reser so that practically the bills were paid in full and then sent to this office for scrutiny, thereby defeating the purpose for which the Assistant Comptroller had issued his instructions.

7. As all the documents necessary to check these two bills had not been received, they had to be returned with this office letter No.358 LAD dated 28/30th November 1925 (copy enclosed) and they were sent four months after they were called for, on the 1st April 1926. In the interval (two more bills (Bill No.III, one fo each section) were received in the District Board Office (in January 1926) which were paid (on 25th February 1926). The instructions given were thus utterly disregarded.

8. The President, has now forwarded to me, with his letter No.C.165/25-26 dated 26/30th March 1926 <u>duplicate</u> copies of the paid bills etc with reference to my letter of 30th November 1925 which I send herewith in original.

Apart from the tone of the communication which is objectionable the President's observations are neither to the point nor in accordance with facts.

(<u>Para 1 of his letter</u>). The entries in the measurement book in pages 41 to 46 were full of overwritings in pencil, and to prevent manipulation and preference of spurious claims they were asked to be inked over. The rules in the Local Board Rules refer to have no bearing on the question.

(<u>Para 2 of his letter</u>). The reference to the Deputy Commissioner's orders of the 23rd February 1926 in this connection is altogether unintelligible. As already stated bill (No.II) was on 28th September 1925 and 20th November 1925 as "Advance" and Bill No.II was received on 8th September 1925 and No.III in Jar 1926. They should have been sent to this office for scrutiny

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according to the Assistant Comptroller's and my own personal instructions.

(Para 3 of the President's letter). What is stated here is not a fact. Mr. Natesa Iyer, Assistant Comptroller informs me that the President did not attend office during the period of inspection and that when he (Mr. Natesa Iyer) expressed a desire to see Mr. Abdur Rahiman he was given to understand that he was ill and so could not see him. From what has already been stated above, the other observations of the President which are quite unfounded need no comment.

(Para 4 of the President's letter). The measurements were taken in December 1925 and in January 1926. The measurement book was with the President, District Board, from January 1926 till April 1926 when it was sent to this office. The work should under the rules be measured once a month and paid. Since the commencement of the work in 24-25 (exact date not known) measurements were taken only thrice in June 1925, in September 1925 and in December 1925. How in the circumstances any delay in taking measurements and paying bills promptly can be attributed to this office and how the work could be regarded as having come to a stand-still on this account, as implied in the last para of the President's letter, I leave it for Government to judge.

9. The following irregularities are noticed in the course of the scrutiny of the records now sent.

(i) The sanctioned estimate should have been countersigned by the District Board President. This has not been done.

(ii) The work is one costing Rs6,533-0-0 for which tenders should have been called for in view of the magnitude of the work. It has been entrusted to a contractor Mr. Abdul Sattar.

(iii) Two estimates for constructing two tunnels in connection with this road, not provided for in the original estimate, have been sanctioned by the District Board President (not the District Board) in February 1926.

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The tunnels seem to have been put up in January 1926 when the Deputy Commissioner inspected the work. The estimates have been sanctioned after the work was done, though the sanction of Government was necessary for undertaking this work.

(iv) As observed by the Sanitary Inspector in pages 73 to 75 of the Measurement Book, the procedure adopted by the Amildar-President in altering earth-work (pits) measurements is irregular.

(v) The measurements relating to earth-work (pits) are taken in "Bits". The total quantity of work done on the date of measurement ~~was~~ inclusive of measurements taken previously and paid for is not recorded. It cannot be made out whether they represent new pits or pits already measured which were widened or deepened. This should be clearly indicated and the location of the pits noted.

(vi) An advance of Rs.1,700-0-0 has been made, Rs.1,300-0-0 on 28th September 1925 and Rs.400-0-0 on 20th November 1925 by the District Board President, on his own responsibility.

10. I submit the records to Government for such orders as they may deem fit to pass in ~~this~~ the case. The amount of the estimate is about Rs.7,000/- and in view of the several irregularities noticed, it seems desirable that the Executive Engineer of Bangalore Division is requested to personally check measure the work so far done and see how far the measurements taken are in order. I am also enclosing two memos dated 21st October 1925 and 10th March 1926 received from the Vice President of the District Board on this subject.

11. The President, District Board has been informed that all the records have been submitted to Government and that further measurements may be recorded in a new book.

I request that the enclosures sent in original may be kindly returned after ~~the~~ orders are passed on the case.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

T. Satyanarayanaiah
Comptroller.

MSR

Copy of letter No.358 LAD dated 28th November 1925, from the Comptroller in Mysore, Bangalore, to the President, District Board, Bangalore.

With reference to your D.O.No.C.165/25-26 forwarding two bills in duplicates and the measurement book relating to the road work between Nelamangala and Sondekoppa and requesting the same to be retransmitted early after done with, as the contractors are pressing for payment and the Taluq Board President says that the further work is stopped for want of payments, I have the honor to invite your kind attention to this office letter No.275 LAD of the 2nd November 1925 and to state that previous bills already paid for the estimate for the work sanctioned by Government and the other documents connected therewith as called for therein and as remarked by the Assistant Comptroller in the measurement book have not been sent. It is also learnt that large advances are made to the two contractors from 5th September 1925 to date. The amounts of advances so made with dates may kindly be stated and the copy of the resolution of the District Board authorising the payment of advances, forwarded for effecting needful adjustments in the bills under question.

The bills received with your letter under advertance for audit show that further work was executed and the measurement was taken by the Vice President Taluq Board Nelamangala as recorded in the bil so far back as 5th September 1925. The delay in forwarding the bills may also be intimated.

The corrections in the measurement book in pencil are too many and the same may be got inked over and attested as a special case. The measurement book and the bills are all returned herewith for being retransmitted at a very early date.

Superintendent, Records Section,
Comptroller's Office.

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SUBJECT

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Section L.B

File No. 60-25

Serial No. 129

Diary No. of letter replied to 5896K

No. 26973

Land Measurement Books

Enclosure

To

The Chief Engr & Mysore

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Sir,

I am directed to forward here-
with copy of letter No. 773 L.A.D.9 dated
9th April 1926 together with a Land
Measurement Book I of 1924-25 (Mr.
improving Kelamangala - Soudekoppa
Road received from the Comptroller in
Mysore and to bringing out certain
irregularities noticed by him in the
course of the scrutiny of the records
mentioned and to request you to be
so good as to depute the Executive
Engr of the Bangalore Division personally to check
and measure the work so far done
and to submit a special report

over

Date of issue 15/5/26

Signed by Mr. D. Krishnaiyer

and the connected records

List of enclosures

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> to how far the measurements
> have been taken as shown in the accompanying measurement book are in order.

The connected records ~~have~~ ~~been~~ together with the measurement [illegible] with [illegible]

I have &c

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GENERAL & REVENUE SECRETARIAT
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- 6. JUL. 1926
LOCAL SELF GOVT. BRANCH

To,

K. Chandy, Esq., B.A.,
~~First~~ Member of Council to
the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Rs 328-25-—

Sir,

We, H.Abdul Sattar and Chennanjappa, Contractors of the 1st and2fid Section , Sondakoppa Road, Nelamnagala Taluk, beg respectfully to remind your honour of our letter of the 29th November last, explaining to you in detail all the fact and the amount due to us, and to state that subsequentlyaalso we had been to your honour personally more than once and you were pleased to promise that you will see that our matter would be settled soon. It is now more than six months since our request was made and the works completed and still nothing has been done and we are left to suffer for want of money with our creditors to the extent of more than Rs.4000/-, for our taking thecontract work and completing it to the satisfaction of all concerned, which you are aware is evidenced by the inspection of our works by the Deputy Commissioner, Assistant Engineer, Executive Engineer, and more than once by the Distric Board President. Though the officaal 1925-26 has passed by yesterday still we have no hopes of getting our such a large amount and hence and under the above circumstances we respect-fully pray your honour will, at least now, be graciously pleased to settle our claim and caue the payment of the full amount due to us for the work completed six months ago and thus relieve us of our worries from our creditors and for which act of your generosity we shall ever pray and remain highly indebted to you.

We beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient servants,
H. Abdul Sattar

Bangalore,
1st J u l y 1926

GENERAL & REVENUE SECRETARIAT,
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- 7. JUL. 1926
LOCAL SELF GOVT. BRANCH

To,

The President,

Bangalore District Board,

Bangalore.

Sir,

It is with much regret that we, H.Abdul Sattar and Chennanjappa, Contractors of 1 and 2 sections, Sondakoppa Road, Nelamangala Taluk, have to inform you that after our completing the works entrusted to us eight months back and even after our numberless times going to you expending for conveyance and corresponding with you, we have not been settled with the amount due to us extending to About Rs. 4000/- on which we have been paying interest at a heavy rate of 24 per cent per annum to our crediters, and see no way of getting our said money. Hence as we cannot indefinitely wait for our money paying interest ourselves on the capital invested for the work, we hereby request and call upon you to kindly settle our account by full payment of the amount due to us with interest from the dateof the completion of the work by us within eight days from the receipt hereof, and still if we cannot get the payment, we have to seek other measures for recevering our money. We thank you very much for immediate settlement.

We beg to remain
Sir,
Your most obedient servants,
H. Abdul Sattar

Bangalore,
5th July 1926.

Copy of the above is submitted to the First Member of Council, Mysore State, Bangalore.

Bangalore,
5th July 1926.

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From

JOHN BHORE, Esq., A.M.I.C.E.,
Chief Engineer of Mysore,
Camp - Tumkur.

To

B.Nagappa, Esq. B[illegible] W[illegible]
Secretary to Government,
Local and Legislative Depts:
Bangalore.

28. JUL. 1926 4093 *Dated* 26 July 1926.

Sir,

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With reference to your letter No.L.6973/L.B.60-25-129 dated the 15th May 1926, re the work of improving Nelamangala-Sondekoppa road, I have the honour to forward herewith, for information, a copy of Bangalore Division Executive Engineer's letter No.41 dated the 13th July 1926, together with the connected records, submitting his report as a result of his personal inspection of the road.

I have the honour to be,
S i r,
Your most obedient servant,

23.7.26
Chief Engineer of Mysore.

Encl- 1 copy letter
1 m. Book.
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Letter No.41 dated the 13th July.1926, from the Executive Engineer, Bangalore Division, to the Chief Engineer of Mysore, Bangalore.

Improving Nelamangala-Sondekoppa road.

With reference to your Memo No.13310 dated 22nd May 1926, forwarding copy of letter No.L.6973/L.R.60-25-129 dated 15th idem from the Secretary to Government, Local and Legislative Departments, to you regarding the above, I have the honor to state, I inspected this road and went over the measurements as far as it is possible to do so comparing the measurements of pits, these have been ploughed up in a few instances as earth seems to have been taken out from private fields. Gravel collections have all been spread evidently as nothing is found at site. On page No.601 of the Measurement Book the checking officer has ordered that 25% be deducted for bad materials, it is not known whether this deduction was made subsequently.

Some items of work not provided for in the estimate costing Rs.1,003/- have been executed and it is a point for settlement whether the President can deviate from the sanctioned estimate to this extent.

On the whole, the work has been carried out fairly well, but it is not possible now to give any opinion whether the measurements have been recorded accurately or otherwise, but as far as I can follow the measurements I find nothing wrong.

The enclosures with the Measurement Book received with the Memo under reply are herewith returned.

"Copy."

Chief Engineer of Mysore.

HRR/23rd

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SUBJECT

Diary No. of letter replied to...

Section C.B
File No. 60 25
Serial No. 342

General and Revenue Secretariat

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore

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Date of issue.... 20/8/26

Signed by.... M.T.K.S.

Read—

Letter No. C.C. 429/24-3 dtd 1st Nov. 1925 from the Dy Comr, Banglore, forwarding a copy of a letter dtd stating that Mr. B. Venkata Krishna Iyer, Vice-President, Bangalore District Board, gave him a reference on the 21st October 1925 bringing to notice that there were some irregularities in the payment of the Nelamangala-Sondekoppa road and that he has requested

Order Thereon—No.

President of the Bangalore Dist Board to forward to him the connected Civil measurement book with his remarks.

2. Petition dtd 19th Nov. from Messrs H. Abdul Sattar and

May this be

i Printed ?

ii treated as a standing order ?

iii published in the Gazette, English Part

iv translated ?

v placed at the disposal of the press

vi published in the Gazette, Kannada Part ?

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ng la Pandeshpa Road Nela-
ng la Taluk, ' ' representing
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e work to the extent of Rs 6003/-
d upon more, that hitherto they
e received Rs 2042/- and praying
t the balance of the Contract
ount due to them may be paid to
early.

3. Letter No. C.C. 429/2483/13th March
-6 from the Dy Comr, Bangalore Dist
mitting a copy of further representa-
received from Mr. B. Usman Khan,
Present, Bangalore Dist Board
the matter together with also a copy
his inspection note, sent to the Presi-
t, Dist Board of Bangalore.

4. Letter No. 773 L.A.D 8 of the 9th April
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of the 15th October 1925 forwarding
summary of defects observed
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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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used to relate to the work of im-
proving Belamangala - Sondekoppa
Road and ~~the~~ bringing out certain
irregularities noticed in the course
of the perusal of the connected records
connected with the work and suggesting
that in view of the several irregula-
rities noticed an Executive Asst. Engr
of the Bangalore Division may be
requested to personally check and
measure the work so far done and see
how far the measurements taken are
in order.

4. Letter No. 1043 of the 26th July 1926
from the Chief Engr. in Mysore, forwarding
a copy of the Bangalore Division Exe.
Engr's letter No. 41 of the 13th July 1926
together with the connected records
reporting that some items of work
not provided for in the estimate costing
Rs 1,003/- have been executed whereas
the whole ~~of~~ the work has been

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order No.

Recorded with the observation that the President will take steps to regularise the expenditure of Rs 1083/- which appears to have been incurred on items not provided for in the estimate by ~~sanction of the Board~~ by Martin Bunchen of the District Board Thanesar.

2. The President is requested to dispose of the claim of the contractor of the work on question early after making such deductions for bad work done as pointed out by Mr. D.L.S.

Mr. Lt L-Sg

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The President, Dist Bd of Ambala

with records & measurement book, thro' Secy, Ambala Cantt.

Comptroller.

Chief Engr.

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